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Examiner Bertagna:

The present communication is responsive to the Office Action mailed April 30, 2008 and is being filed in conjunction with a Request for Continued Examination. A request for a three month extension of time, from July 30, 2008 to October 30, 2008, is hereby requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees during the entire pendency of this application, including fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-4302, referencing Attorney Docket No. EPICEN-09587. This paragraph is intended to be a CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3).